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Monthly issues of the Tri-Community Newsletter will now arrive in your home with just a click of your mouse. Brilliant color, crisp print, clear pictures are just a few benefits of moving into the age of technology as we combine the news with Special Web Features!

After our last issue, the Post Office informed CDO that postal rates were rising once again. With the additional expenses of renewing our bulk mailing permit, the CDO Board had to seriously consider how best to keep the community informed of relevant issues while meeting new financial challenges.

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(details inside)

FIRE DISTRICT FIRST BOARD MEETING

Chair Terri Jo Neff; Treasurer Bill Dupee, and Secretary Rhonda Toledo Buchs conducted Fire District Business at the first meeting held Feb. 16th at Fire Station 1.

Highlights of the 25-item agenda included:

- Meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at Fire Station 1 at 6:30.
- Agendas and legal notices will be posted at the the Fire Dept. Info. Board at the Quick Pic and info. board at Station 1. Also copies will be available for the community to help themselves at the Red Mail Box in front of the fire station on Warren.
- Dan Simmons, Douglas Stickler, and Oren Patchell were appointed to the Advisory Committee with a worksession being held later in the week to discuss the flow of communication between the Committee and the Board.
- A Vehicle Committee was established to review known information and research the unknown related to best choice for a tender to meet needs of district, financing or leasing options, etc. An update will be provided to the Board later during the week as to a possible recommendation from three submitted bids that are being solicited.
- Sue Dupee, Chair of the Mescal Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., presented a series of resolution- documents that began transitioning funds and assets from the Volunteer Fire Department to the Fire District:

  A) All monies held in what is commonly referred to as the New Truck Fund,

  B) All future monies received ear marked for the New Truck

  C) $10,000 which is commonly referred to as the Money Market Amount - will become Fire Districts Initial Operational Money

  D) Monies commonly referred to as the Operating Fund Checking Account when it is determined that those monies are not needed for MVFD's outstanding debts and corporate dissolution expenses.

  The final transfer of these monies will be made no later than June 30, 2009.

J-6/Mescal Community Development Organization QUARTERLY MEETING

MARCH 12th - AMENDED 6:30 P.M.

Agenda to Include:

Financial Report

Community Updates on:

- **Firefighter presentation-recommendation for fire truck - Moved to 3/16/09 - See Hot News.**
- **Update on launching Tri-News Central**

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

J-6 RANCH ROAD

Supervisor Richard Searle to provide updates on:

1) **County Budget - impacts to level of services**
2) **BOS directive to P & Z regarding Envisioning Results and considerations for Comp Plan Revisions**
3) **Billboards in County.**

FIRE DISTRICT TAKES ACTION TO START TRUCK PURCHASE

Feb. 20th, just one week after becoming an official Fire District, the three member board took action to start the paperwork to purchase a tender that will alleviate the deficiency identified by the ISO Inspector. A vehicle committee, headed by Fire Chief Neff, reviewed three bids before recommending purchase of a $163,500 truck from Truck Works.

$10,000 for the truck was included in the 4-month budget adopted by the Board. Additional expenses brought the proposed Maintenance and Operation/Current Capital Outlay for the four months to $38,864.

According to Board Chair, Terri Jo Neff, the County indicated there was no mechanism in place for the public to comment on this adoption. However, with the 2009 Annual Budget being prepared, the public will be notified 30 days prior to a public hearing before adoption.

At the March 2nd Board Meeting, questions regarding Conflict of Interest, Utilization of the Advisory Council, etc. will be two of many key topics.

NEWS BRIEFS

TRAFFIC FIASCO: Feb. 12th

Traffic backed up in all four directions at the I-10 / Mescal/ J-6 Ranch Road interchange as a trailer rig wedged itself in the turn as it crossed over the Freeway turning onto the east bound ramp.

After several hours and multiple plans, the rig eased around the corner letting tired commuters inch-on home, and shoppers speed on into Benson. The rig left behind only an 8-foot scar on the cement barricade.

Tall-wide loads traveling west on I-10 that need to go toward Sierra Vista are unable to exit and go under the Freeway near McDonalds. They must exit at the J-6 Interchange, cross over, and go back east to Exit 302. (*Photo by B. Buntin)*

ENVISIONING REPORT ON LINE:

Feb. 3rd, Planning and Zoning Staff provided the Board of Supervisors with a summary of results from the Envisioning 2020 Planning Project. The top five concerns were: managed growth, maintain rural character, livable wage employment opportunities, water sustainability and available health care.

Mike Turisk, senior planner, stated that residents are protective of the county's dark skies, scenic view sheds, wildlife corridors, water resources and private property rights.

The BOS is to have ongoing work sessions with P & Z to see how info. can be used to revise the Comprehensive Plan. **HEAR SUPERVISOR SEARLE ON MARCH 12TH.**

ATVS DAMAGING AREA: A group of residents on Tequila Trail are asking several property owners of vacant land in that area to provide them with written permission to call the Sheriff when ATVs are trespassing and being ridden irresponsibly. Irresponsible behavior is being defined as speeding on private roads, destroying vegetation on empty parcels, creating flurries of dust on stripped areas, and disturbing the quiet with frequent and extended periods of intense activity and revving motors.

RABIES CASES CONFIRMED:

Late January, three skunks found in St. David tested positive for the rabies virus. The skunks were killed by dogs which then had to be quarantined up to 45 days.

Rabid animals may show no fear. Be proactive - vaccinate pets, do not approach wild animals to feed or capture. If an animal is suspected of having rabies, contact: Benson Animal Control Office at 586-3600 or Cochise Animal Control at 432-9400.

BILLBOARDS OPPOSED:

BOS Supervisors unanimously opposed a special-use permit for two billboards in Whetstone along Hwy90. Those in opposition of the 35-foot-tall billboards, argued that it would block scenic views and impair the economic draw, as well as the quality of life value , of the county's dark skies. Supervisors Call and English are opposed to billboards in Cochise County while Supervisor Searle says determination should be done on a case-to-case basis. An additional company has since pulled their two applications.

HOW MUCH RAIN AND SNOW FALLS IN OUR AREA?

Residents are participating in recording local rain and snowfall using gauges from U of A partners and the Community Watershed Alliance.

A new portal or link on Tri-News Central will quickly connect you to rainlog.org to click on a gauge near you. Postings reflect variability throughout the valley in both frequency of events and quantity of rainfall.

Site is frequently visited to determine if rain harvesting is viable in this area. A 1-inch rain on a 1000 square foot roof will provide 600 gallons of free water for your use! Some local systems are collecting over 25,000 gallons per year.

RECLAIMING OCEAN WATER IMPORTANT TO ARIZONA - reflected in current water bills in state legislature

PREVENTION OF EQUINE CRUELTY ACT - said to have unintended consequences

Read about both on web sight.

LATEST NEWS -Legislative Updates

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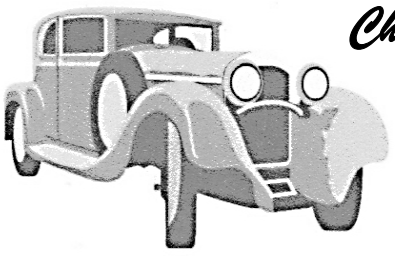

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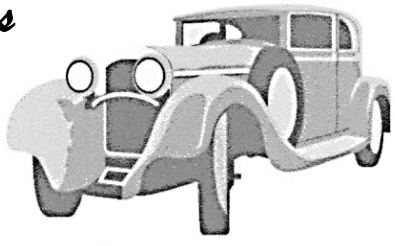

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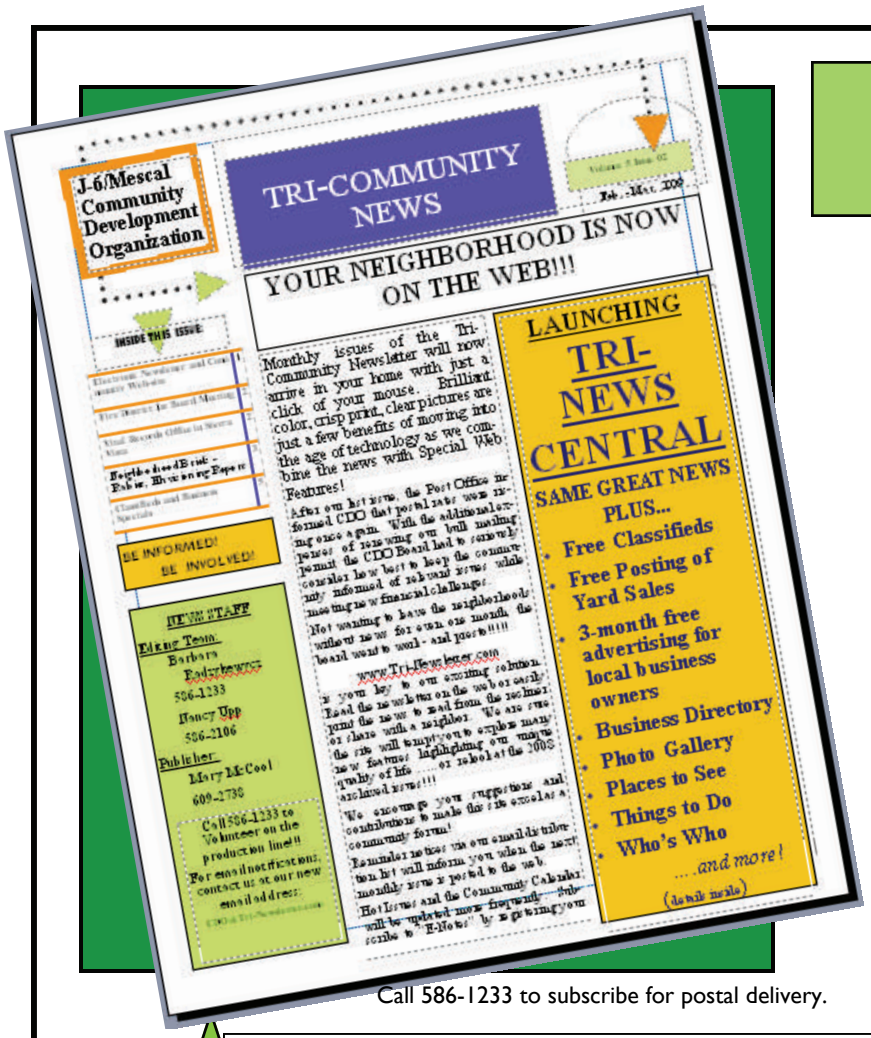

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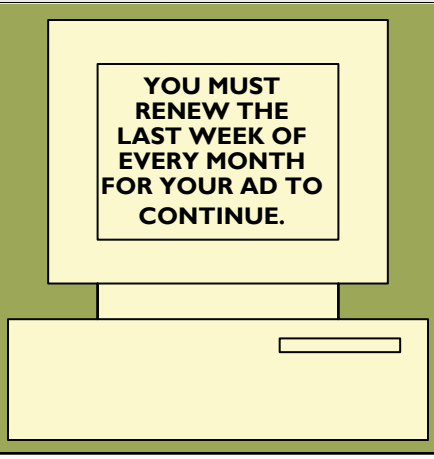

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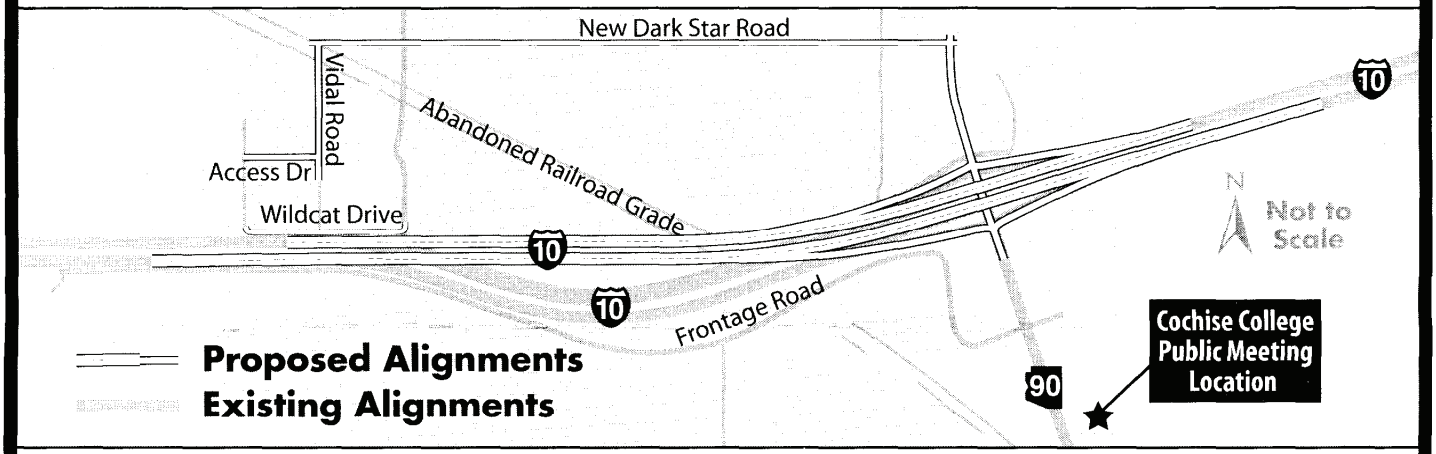
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OPEN HOUSE

Interstate 10/State Route 90 Traffic Interchange

Thursday, March 5, 2009
Cochise College, Benson Campus
1025 S. Highway 90, Benson
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. / Brief Presentation at 6:00 p.m.



The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the URS Corporation project team are currently developing final design plans for the reconstruction of the traffic interchange on I-10 at State Route 90 near Benson, Arizona (milepost 302). The project will improve the interchange in that corridor by moving I-10 slightly to the north and straightening roadway curves along I-10. These changes will improve the safety of the corridor and increase the capacity of the interchange.

The purpose of this open house is to present information and to receive comments regarding the design and ultimate construction of the project. Displays will be available for viewing and project team members will be available to answer questions in an open house format.

For technical and project information, please contact Evelyn Ma, ADOT Project Manager, at (602) 712-6660 or Jody Rodriguez, URS Corporation Design Consultant, at (520) 887-1800.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting **Carol Oaks at (520) 885-9009 or by fax to (520) 885-0311**. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. This document is available in alternate formats by contacting **Carol Oaks at (520) 885-9009**.

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For additional information or to submit comments in writing, please contact **Carol Oaks or Nanette Pageau, ADOT Consultant, at 110 South Church Avenue, Suite 3350, Tucson, AZ 85701, telephone: (520) 885-9009, fax: (520) 885-0311 or e-mail to carol@kaneenpr.com**. Written comments should be submitted by April 6, 2009.

Bill Harmon, P.E.	**Floyd Roehrich, Jr., P.E.**	**Evelyn Ma, P.E.**
ADOT Safford District Engineer	ADOT State Engineer	ADOT Project Manager

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J-6 / Mescal Community Development Organization

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Households may have more than one member. Each member must be at least 18 years old.

Each membership is $ 10.00

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Bring to next meeting or mail to : Nancy Upp, 412 S. Many Winds Rd., Benson, Az